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VICTORIA CATALACT

IT IS ONE OF THE NOTABLE WONDERS OF THE WORLD.
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There Is No Other Falls on Earth
Just Like It, and There Is No Possibility of Comparison Between It
and Our Own Niagara.

It was on the 21st of November, 1855, that the friendly natives with whom he was traveling brought to David Livingstone for the first time within sight and sound of the wonderful cataract on the Zambezi river, now known as the Victoria falls. Before finding it, the good naturalist had searched for nearly two years, and from his point of departure at Kuruman, in Cape Colony, had traversed unknown country.

Today one takes the train at Cape Town and reaches the pass through Kimberley on Thursday, reaches Bulawayo on Saturday, and late in the afternoon of Sunday begins to see in the distance the rising pillar of mist from the great cataract.

The natives call it "Mosi-on-tun," or "the roaring smoke." At first the spray thrown from the depths of the tremendous cataract is visible, and then the roar of the falling water becomes noticeable. Finally, when the edge of

the waterfall is seen, the noise

increases every point and line and curve of motionless rock, trembling verdure and gilding water, a jugh of infinite beauty. Victoria is simply a phenomenon, a living gash in the floor

of an apparently motionless plain, which

as one goes slowly swallows a tree

in a manner that produces almost a thrill of awe.

The Zambezi valley for a hundred miles or more in every direction from the cataract is a bushy and broken plateau covered with low brush and stunted trees, with here and there an outcrop of somber basaltic rock, all thoroughly uninteresting. The horizon is but faintly green and the tropical sky only slightly blue; it is a hazy landscape, a pale mist in clear cut lines in every direction and lacking, above everything else, atmosphere.

At 10 o'clock in the morning we

were approaching the falls, and

so close were we to them that

we could see the spray

and hear the roar of the falls

from the deck of the boat.

As we neared the falls the

water became darker and

more turbulent, and

the spray increased, and

the roar grew louder and

louder, until finally

the spray obscured the

sun and the roar

filled our ears.

At 11 o'clock we

were within 100 feet of

the falls, and the spray

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